

CLERK: Mr. President, I then have a motion to reconsider LB 617 on final reading with the emergency clause attached. It's offered by Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm looking at rule ... at Section 8 of Rule 6. We are talking about this and how the rules are to be applied. It says final reading motions. On final reading the bill shall be read at large with all amendments thereto before the vote is taken. At any time before the roll call shall have begun on final reading of the bill it shall be in order, and then the various motions that can be made. I believe that the vote has been taken. It has begun on this bill. When we talk about the emergency clause, and I say again if the rules mean anything you can turn to page 42, Section 10. When a bill, containing the emergency clause, does not receive the required two-thirds constitutional majority on final reading then the emergency clause shall be considered stricken and the bill without the emergency clause shall be pending on final reading, and the question then shall be, shall the bill pass with the emergency clause stricken. I don't see anything in the reading of the bill that indicates that you have a system whereby you can have intervening matter before the second vote is taken. I would like that put into the record as to what your ruling is and why.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we've taken the vote with the emergency clause attached and the bill has failed. I'm going to rule that we will not entertain a motion in between the votes, but then after should the coming up vote either fail, the bill fail, or if it should pass it is eligible for reconsideration on the first vote if you like. So that's the way I'm going to rule at the moment. There has been discussion as to whether or not we should have a rule that allows us to entertain a motion in between the reading when the emergency clause is attached and the second reading when the emergency clause would not be attached. At the moment we are going to take a vote on the bill without the emergency clause attached. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Just so I understand, we're going to vote on the bill. If it receives 25 votes it passes. Then you will take the motion that I and Senator Chronister have put up there that says to reconsider the vote with the emergency clause. Is that correct?

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's correct.